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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

-- GROC CELEBRATED OCTOBER 10 NATIONAL DAY WITH FIRST MILITARY PARADE SINCE 1964. EMPHASIS VERY MUCH ON SELF-RELIANCE. DUBBED "TA HAN" (GREAT CHINA), PARADE WAS BIGGEST DOUBLE TEN EVER, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY (CNA). AMONG F-5E JETS, HELICOPTERS, TANKS, MISSILES, HEAVY ARTILLERY, MORTARS, ANTI-TANK WEAPONS AND SAMLL ARMS WERE MANY ITEMS MADE IN TAIWAN. OF 35,000 MILITARY PERSONNEL ON PARADE, 25,000 WERE RESERVISTS CALLED UP FOR EVENT, INCLUDING MILITIA UNITS FROM THE OFFSHORE ISLANDS OF KINMEN AND MATSU. CNA TERMED IT: "A LOUD AND CLEAR MESSAGE TO PEIPING THAT THE FREE CHINESE WILL FIGHT COMMUNISM TO THE DEATH AND ASK NO QUARTER, AND THAT FREE CHINA WILL NEVER COMPROMISE OF ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS." PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN'S DOUBLE TEN MESSAGE DENOUNCED THE POLICY OF

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DETENTE AS AN ILLUSION WHICH "WILL AGGRAVATE COMMUNIST

FEROCITY AND EXACERBATE THE TRAGEDY OF HUMANKIND...THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS HAVE PUT ON A SMILING FACE, PRETENDED TO BE FRIENDLY AND GENERATED A SMOKE SCREEN OF DETENTE." YEN ALSO TOOK PARTICULAR NOTE OF WHAT WAS TERMED RECORD NUMBER OVERSEAS CHINESE COMING TAIPEI FOR DOUBLE TEN -- MORE THAN 10,000. "...THE OVERSEAS CHINESE CAN DISTINGUISH BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG. THEY NEVER BOW TO THE EVIL FORCE OF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS, AND THEY CONTINUE THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO THE FREE CHINA," HE TOLD THEM AT A MASSIVE TEA PARTY.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

--VOA'S "TIME AND TUNE IN ENGLISH SPEECH" CONTINUES GAIN POPULARITY AS A COLLEGE-LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEXT. TO MEET SUDDEN SURGE OF REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL COPIES GENERATED BY ADOPTION OF TEXT BY MAJOR INSTITUTIONS (NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY, TAMKANG COLLEGE LANGUAGE CENTER, ETC.), POST AUTHORIZED LOCAL DISTRIBUTOR CRASH REPRINT OF 8,000 COPIES IN AUGUST. TO DATE, APPROXIMATELY 90 PERCENT SOLD.

--OCTOBER 12-18 OFFICIALLY DECLARED "SISTER CITY WEEK" IN TAIPEI. REPRESENTATIVES FROM TAIPEI, CEBU, CHEJU ISLAND (KOREA), AND GUAM WERE TO HAVE GATHERED FOR WEEK-LONG SERIES OF CONFERENCES, BANQUETS, AND SIGHTSEEING. THE FOUR MUNICIPALITIES, ALL SISTER CITIES OF GUAM, MET FOR FIRST TIME LAST YEAR IN GUAM AND DECIDED TO MAKE MEETING ANNUAL EVENT. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS YEAR'S GATHERING MARRED BY ABSENCE OF DELEGATES FROM CEBU WHO, ACCORDING CHINESE OFFICIALS, WERE UNABLE OBTAIN PROPER TRAVEL DOCUMENTS. ONE OF ORGANIZERS CLAIMS PROBLEM STEMS FROM THE FACT MAJOR OF CEBU IS OUTSPOKEN CRITIC OF PRESIDENT MARCOS. NEVERTHELESS, CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES, MINUS PHILIPPINES REPRESENTATION, WENT ON AS PLANNED. CAO ATTENDED OPENING CEREMONY AS AMBASSADOR'S REPRESENTATIVE AND ADDRESSED GROUP.

--TAIPEI LINCOLN CENTER PROGRAM OCTOBER 8 "DUKE ELLINGTON: THE MAN AND THE MUSIC" FEATURING SHOWING OF IMV LOAN LIBRARY FILM "ON THE ROAD WITH DUKE ELLINGTON," TAPED EXAMPLES OF ELLINGTON'S MUSIC AND COMMENTARY BY EMBASSY UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSULAR OFFICER WHO IS JAZZ BUFF, DREW LARGE AUDIENCE OF 190. UNEXPECTED SIZE OF TURNOUT DEMONSTRATED CONSIDERABLE LATENT INTEREST IN AMERICAN JAZZ MUSIC.

--VOLSPKR IRA SHARKANSKY PROVIDED A IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF COMPLEXITY OF AMERICAN FEDERALISM AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. FOREIGN POLICIES IN THREE USIS-SPONSORED PROGRAMS OCTOBER 13-14. SHARKANSKY'S ACADEMIA SINICA INSTITUTE FOR AMERICAN CULTURE AND THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

SEMINARS PROVIDED DISCUSSION OF AMERICAN FEDERALISM AND SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS WITH HIGH PRIORITY AUDIENCE MEMBERS IN FIELD OF AMERICAN STUDIES AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HIGH QUALITY AUDIENCE AT IIR INCLUDED THE INSTITUTE'S DIRECTOR, WHO IN A FORMER VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE DIRECTOR OF TAIWAN'S ONLY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF AMERICAN STUDIES, DEAN OF A LEADING LAW SCHOOL AND THREE PROMINENT ROC COMMENTATORS ON SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS. TAIPEI LINCLON CENTER GENERAL AUDIENCE LECTURE BY SHARKANSKY DREW A HIGHLY INTERESTED AUDIENCE OF 150 WHO DEMONSTRATED LIVELY INTEREST IN PRESENTATION BY REMAINING FOR LENGTHY Q AND A SESSION AFTERWARDS.
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